WITH KEIICHI'S EMBOLDENED DECLARATION, RIKA WILL...
IN THE NEXT MORNING, WHEN THE CHILDREN COUNSELING OFFICE DECIDED, THEY'D WAIT AND SEE ABOUT SATOKO'S PROTECTION

IN THAT CASE, WE'LL OVERTURN THE CHILDREN COUNSELING OFFICE'S DECISION!!
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I HEAR THOSE WORDS FROM KEIICHI.
THE KEIICHI OF THIS WORLD IS INDEED DIFFERENT...
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CHAPTER 8:「KEIICHI'S IDEA」

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SENSEI, YOU EXPLAINED TO THEM PROPERLY
WHAT KIND OF TREATMENT SATOKO USED TO RECEIVE LAST YEAR, RIGHT?
YES BUT ... ...
KEI-CHAN, THEY MUST BE THINKING THAT THIS IS NOT A THING TO MAKE SO MUCH FUSS ABOUT...
AFTER ALL, IT'S STILL THE FIRST TIME THAT SHE'S ABSENT FROM SCHOOL, THEY CAN'T REACT TO THIS SERIOUSLY.
YOU'RE RIGHT, MION.

IN OTHER WORDS,
THE PROBLEM HERE IS IN THE DIFFERENCE THE DEGREE OF ENTHUSIASM BETWEEN US AND THE CHILDREN COUNSELING OFFICE!
..... DEGREE OF ENTHUSIASM ...?
!
GOT IT, KEI -CHAN.
THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHILDREN COUNSELING OFFICE DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION SATOKO IS IN...

WE WILL!
YEAH! LET'S EXPLAIN BETTER TO THEM THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SATOKO AND HER UNCLE IS ALREADY IN A DANGEROUS SITUATION!!!
WELL
TO TELL THE TRUTH, LAST NIGHT, I TRIED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH MY PARENTS
YOU'RE AMAZING, KEIICHI-KUN !!!
I AGREE WITH YOU.
IF WE TRY TO THINK LIKE THAT, IT BECOMES OBVIOUS, THOUGH..
EH?
IN THAT CASE ...

KEIICHI, I'D LIKE YOU TO GIVE TO IT SOME THOUGHT.
DAD?
IF IT'S FOR THE SAKE OF THE JUSTICE YOU BELIEVE,
DO YOU THINK A MURDER IS ACCEP-TABLE?
NO, THAT IS NOT A GOOD THING.
THAT'S RIGHT, IN THIS WORLD, NOBODY WANTS TO HELP VIOLATORS OF THE LAWS, THE KIND THAT KILL PEOPLE,
NOBODY EVEN SPEAKS WELL OF THEM.
THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE TO FIGHT FOLLOWING THE RULES PROPERLY!

LOOK, MY FATHER IS THE CLOSEST ADULT TO ME, RIGHT?
WHEN I RESOLUTELY SPOKE MY HEART TO HIM, HE TAUGHT ME THAT, THAT WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FILE COMPLAINTS, EACH ONE OF US.
...
SO, EVERYONE HAS TO GO THERE AND EXPLAIN THEM ABOUT SATOKO-CHAN.
YEAH.
...BUT, I WONDER HOW WE'D DO IT.
I HEARD FROM PUBLIC OFFICES THAT THE DECISIONS ONCE TAKEN ARE NOT EASY TO CHANGE.
NO MATTER HOW MANY COMPLAINTS WE FILE, IT'LL BE MEANINGLESS, WON'T IT?
SHION.

WE ARE THE STRONGEST AMONG THE CLUB MEMBERS WE WON'T GIVE UP BEFORE TRYING!
WE HAVE TO USE UP ALL OUR STRENGTH TO WIN!!
.....
PLEASE, LET GO OF ME!
.....

MAEBARA-KUN, YOU THOUGHT ABOUT IT WITH SERENITY AS I SEE.
TO BE HONEST, I WAS WORRIED YOU'D SUGGEST SOMETHING LIKE AN AMBUSH.
EH?
...TO TELL THE TRUTH, I ALSO THOUGHT THAT WE SHOULD WAIT AND SEE WHAT'D HAPPEN BUT,
WHILE HEARING YOUR TALK, I COULD UNDERSTAND BETTER THE SENSE OF DANGER YOU ALL FEEL...
I WAS POWERLESS BUT, SOMETIMES PEOPLE CAN CHANGE THEIR MINDS BY MEANS OF A COMPLAINT,
AND THAT GOES FOR THE CHILDREN COUNSELING OFFICE AS WELL.

SENSEI
WHAT IS IT, A BINGO?
.....
W-W-W-WHO IS EMBRACING THEIR KNEES!?
SHII-CHAN, IF YOU WILL BE SUFFERING ALONE, EMBRACING YOU KNEES, WHY DON'T YOU FIGHT BY OUR SIDE?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
EVERY-ONE!
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EXCELLENT!
IF OUR GOAL IS TO PERSUADE THEM, BE IT WITH CROCODILE TEARS, BE IT WITH FLATTERY, I'LL DO ANYTHING I CAN!!
LET'S GO! TO THE CHILDREN COUNSELING OFFICE!
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IT'S STRANGE
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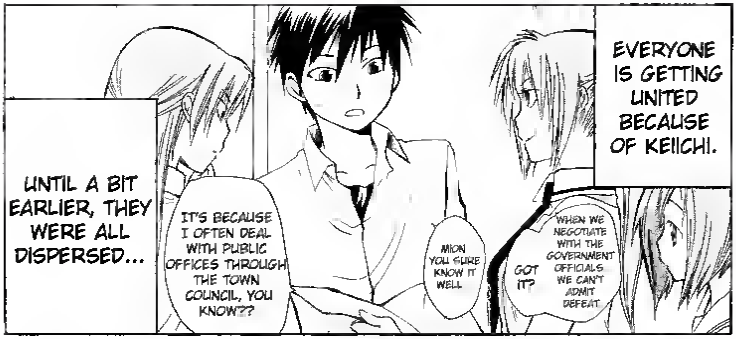
WE NEED A PLAN
LET'S GO RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL
EVERYONE KNOWS WHERE THE CHILDREN COUNSELING OFFICE IS? HERE'S A MAP

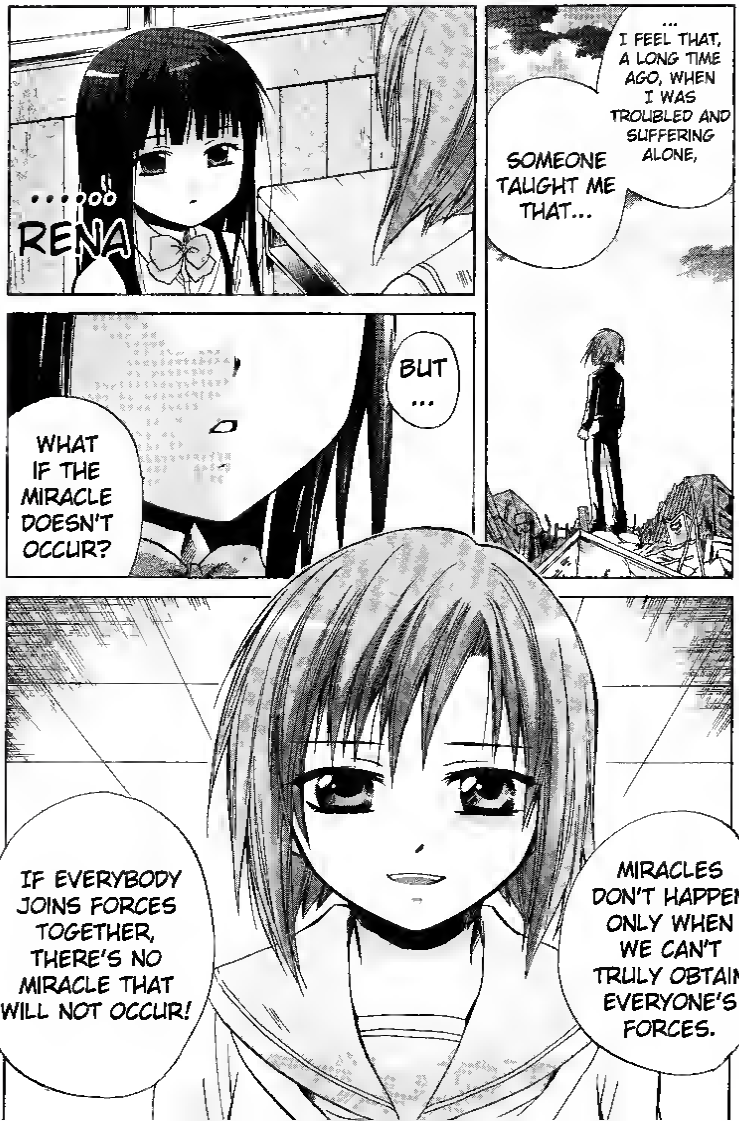

EVERYONE IS GETTING UNITED BECAUSE OF KEIICHI.
WHEN WE NEGOTIATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WE CAN'T ADMIT DEFEAT.
GOT IT?
MION YOU SURE KNOW IT WELL.
IT'S BECAUSE I OFTEN DEAL WITH PUBLIC OFFICES THROUGH THE TOWN COUNCIL, YOU KNOW??
UNTIL A BIT EARLIER, THEY WERE ALL DISPERSED...

I'VE ALREADY DECIDED THAT I WON'T HAVE MY HOPES HIGH.
NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, IT'LL BE USELESS ANYWAY...

HOWEVER...
RIKA-CHAN, YOU'LL GO TOO, RIGHT?

.....
RIKA-CHAMA, ARE YOU REALLY SATOKO'S FRIEND?
DOES IT MEAN YOU DON'T WANT TO HELP HER?

STOP IT, SHII-CHAN!
HAA? WHY WOULD I HAVE TO TREAT SATOKO LIKE AN ENEMY?
TO THINK THAT, OF ALL PEOPLE, YOU'D BE GIVING ME A SERMON BECAUSE OF SATOKO,
WHEN YOU USED TO TREAT HER LIKE AN ENEMY THAT MUCH...
AND YOU TOO, RIKA-CHAN.
NOW, LET'S EVERYONE JOIN FORCES TOGETHER TO SAVE SATOKO-CHAN.
IF EVERYBODY'S FORCES ARE JOINED TOGETHER, I'M SURE A MIRACLE WILL OCCUR...!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RENA
... I FEEL THAT, A LONG TIME AGO, WHEN I WAS TROUBLED AND SUFFERING ALONE,
SOMEONE TAUGHT ME THAT...
BUT ...
WHAT IF THE MIRACLE DOESN'T OCCUR?
IF EVERYBODY JOINS FORCES TOGETHER, THERE'S NO MIRACLE THAT WILL NOT OCCUR!
MIRACLES DON'T HAPPEN ONLY WHEN WE CAN'T TRULY OBTAIN EVERYONE'S FORCES.

SO... LEND US YOUR FORCE,
RIKA-CHAN.
I DON'T WANT
TO HAVE MY EXPECTATION BETRAYED ANYMORE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT...
THAT'S RIGHT, RIKA -CHAN.
MION?

BUT, TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE UNITED TO PROTECT HINAMIZAWA

IF WE ARE PEOPLE FROM HINAMIZAWA, I WON'T LET YOU SAY YOU FORGOT.
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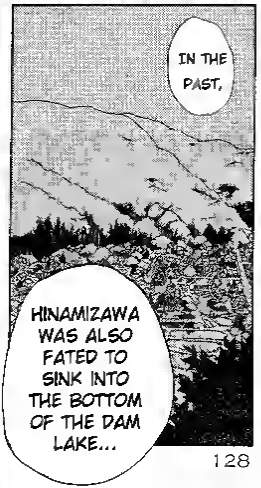
IN THE PAST,
HINAMIZAWA WAS ALSO FATED TO SINK INTO THE BOTTOM OF THE DAM LAKE...

AND WE DEFEATED A FATE THAT WAS SETTLED, DIDN'T WE?!!
TO DEFEAT
.....
FATE
.....
IT MEANS SUCH A THING IS POSSIBLE
.....

THEN, IF A MIRACLE DOESN'T HAPPEN,
IT WILL CERTAINLY BE BECAUSE RIKA-CHAMA DOESN'T LEND US HER STRENGTH.
.....
SHION
IF I BELIEVE, WILL THE MIRACLE OCCUR ----?
DOES IT MEAN WE'LL MAKE THE MIRACLE HAPPEN ----?

RIKA -CHAN,
IF YOU SUFFER ALONE, NOTHING WILL COME TO MIND.
SO, LET'S ALL OF US JOIN OUR FORCES!
FOOLISH.
AND THEN, LET'S DISCUSS IT TOGETHER!
BECAUSE OF YOU GUYS,
FATE WILL ----

DON'T SUR-REN-DER
TO FATE !!!

STICK IT INTO YOUR HEAD!!!
TO BEGIN WITH, SUCH A THING AS FATE
IS THINNER THAN A NET TO CATCH GOLDFISHES, SO WE CAN EASILY SMASH IT!

KEIICHI
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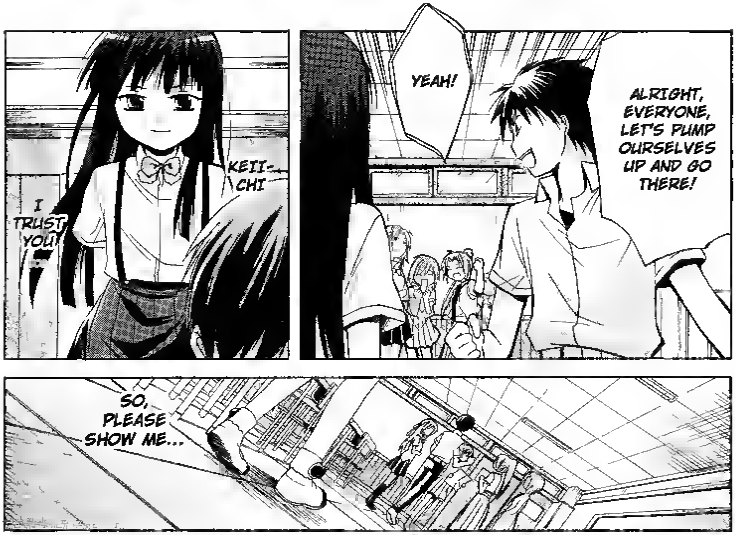
THESE HUNDRED YEARS FATE I WAS LOCKED IN
OF ALL THINGS
…

YOU SAY IT IS SIMPLE THAN A NET TO CATCH GOLDFISHES!!
KEIICHI IS REALLY GOOD AT MAKING THE OTHERS PARTI-CIPATE.
THAT'S WHY, EVEN AFTER A HUNDRED YEARS, I WOULDN'T GET TIRED OF BEING TOGETHER WITH HIM...
.....I LIKED IT, KEIICHI.

LET'S GO,
TO THE CHILDREN COUNSELING OFFICE...!
WELL SAID, RIKA-CHAN!


I TRUST YOU!
KEII-CHI
YEAH!
ALRIGHT, EVERYONE, LET'S PUMP OURSELVES UP AND GO THERE!
SO, PLEASE SHOW ME...

...
THE FIGHT TO DEFEAT FATE!!!

THEN... AFTER SCHOOL
OKINOMIYA
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I NEVER IMAGINED IT WAS ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE LIBRARY.

SO THIS PLACE IS THE CHILDREN COUNSELING OFFICE...!
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MR. MAEBARA, I'M VERY SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT.
PLEASE, YOU MAY ENTER THE COUNSELING OFFICE.
AH, YES!
... SATOKO, JUST YOU WAIT...
WE WILL FILE A COMPLAINT ABOUT THE TERRIBLE SITUATION YOU'RE IN NOW...
AND WE'LL DEFINITELY HELP YOU!

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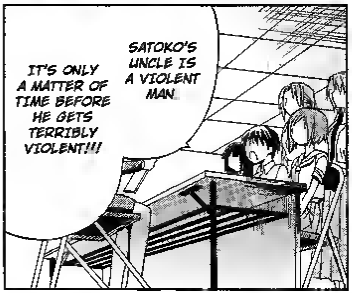
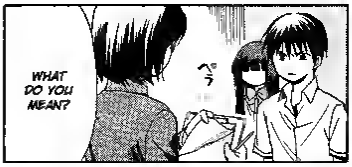
EXCUSE US..
YOU ARE HOUJOU SATOKO-SAN'S CLASSMATES... RIGHT?
THEN, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DISCUSS ABOUT TODAY?

WHAT WOULD BE THE EXPLANATION?


SATOKO'S UNCLE IS A VIOLENT MAN.
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE HE GETS TERRIBLY VIOLENT!!!


WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
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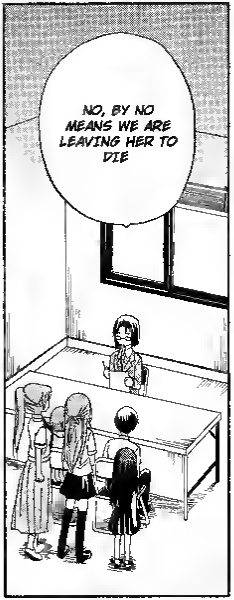
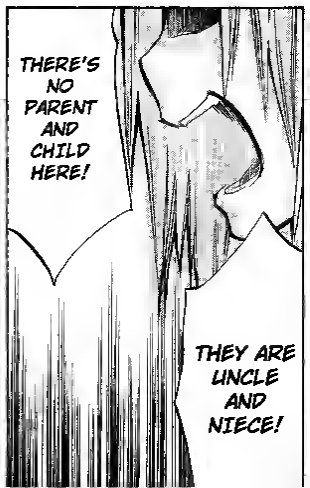
ALRIGHT... HERE I GO.
THE MATTER IS THAT HOUJOU SATOKO'S PROTECTION IS ON OBSERVATION STATUS,
AND WE THINK THE COUNSELING OFFICE PEOPLE DO NOT UNDERSTAND HER SITUATION, SO WE CAME TO EXPLAIN IT.

ACTUALLY, SHE ENDED UP BEING ABUSED BY HER UNCLE AND HIS WIFE LAST YEAR TOO.
THAT'S WHY WE'D LIKE YOU TO SAVE SATOKO BEFORE IT HAPPENS AGAIN...!

AT THE MOMENT, WE ARE HANDLING HOUJOU-SAN'S CASE
.....
I UNDERSTAND, BUT
HANDLING
ARE THEY INVESTIGATING A SOLUTION TO THE MATTER LEISURELY?
THEN, WHAT DO YOU MEAN WITH 'WAIT AND SEE'?
IF SATOKO IS ABUSED, WHO WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HER WOUNDS!?
'WAIT AND SEE' IS THE SAME AS TO LEAVE HER TO DIE, YOU KNOW?

BUT, YESTERDAY, YOU CAME BACK WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING, RIGHT?


NO, BY NO MEANS WE ARE LEAVING HER TO DIE


THERE'S NO PARENT AND CHILD HERE!
THEY ARE UNCLE AND NIECE!

LAST NIGHT, WE WENT THERE TO SEE THE SITUATION PERSONALLY...
I CAN'T TALK ABOUT IT BEYOND THAT FOR PRIVACY REASONS BUT,
SO THAT HOUJOU PARENT AND CHILD CAN LIVE OUT A WHOLESOME LIFE, WE INTEND TO PROCEED WITH THE COUNSELING.

EXCUSE ME..
THEY ARE UNCLE AND NIECE, I CORRECT WHAT I SAID ..
SHE IS HEARING THE STORY PROPERLY...
BUT SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE GOING ANYWHERE BEYOND JUST THAT.
DO YOU REALLY COMPREHEND THE SITUA-TION?!
PLEASE, UNDERSTAND THE DANGER WE ARE FEELING...!

..... SO, AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE, AT THE MOMENT, WE ARE HANDLING IT WITH PRUDENCE.
... AFTER THAT, WE GAVE OUR BEST TO BE ABLE TO CONVEY SATOKO'S SITUATION TO HER BUT...
THEN, I'LL TELL CHILDREN WELFARE OFFICE THAT THERE WAS A COMPLAINT FROM 5 FRIENDS OF SATOKO-SAN FOR HER SAKE.
WHAT THE HECK, HANDLING, HANDLING, SHE SAYS...!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LETTING ME HEAR YOUR VALUABLE INFORMATION.
IT DIDN'T LOOK LIKE OUR COMPLAINT REACHED HER AT ALL.

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AND THEN, WITH NO WILL TO GO BACK HOME LIKE THAT,
WE STILL REMAINED AT OKINOMIYA
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ON THE OTHER HAND, SHE WAS NOT HARSH WITH US...
SOMEHOW, I FEEL WE WERE SMOOTHLY TREATED WITHOUT A DEAL.
SHE WAS PROBABLY A COUNSELING CONTACT PERSON AND SINCE SHE'S NOT DIRECTLY IN CHARGE OF SATOKO-CHAN'S CASE, SHE ENDS UP SPEAKING TO US LIKE THAT.

HOW DID YOU SEE THE CONVERSATION BEFORE, MION?
IT'S NO USE TO INSIST AT ALL THERE,
IF FEELS LIKE WE HAD A SUMO MATCH WITH A BIG TREE
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU, RENA?
I WON'T SAY THAT IT WAS USELESS BUT, OUR ENTHUSIASM PROBABLY WON'T REACH THE PERSON REALLY IN CHARGE THERE.
.....YOU'RE RIGHT.
I THINK SHE'LL JUST SAY SOMETHING LIKE "HOUJOU SATOKO'S 5 FRIENDS DEMANDED PROTECTION FOR HER AND APPEALED FOR IT TODAY'S EVENING," THOUGH.

I DECLARED TO EVERYBODY THAT I'D BE ABLE TO SAVE SATOKO
I KNOW THE PROBLEM IS THE DIFFERENCE IN ENTHUSIASM BETWEEN US AND THE COUNSELING OFFICE
BUT,
IN THE END, I COULD DO NOTHING.
I CAN'T EXPECT MUCH THAT IT WILL GO WELL...
NOW, EVEN CHIE-SENSEI IS FILING A COMPLAINT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUT,
...
WHAT
...
SHOULD WE DO NEXT .....?
.....

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... KEIICHI.
I DON'T HAVE A MOVE TO MAKE.
... SORRY, I SAID SO MUCH BEFORE AND NOW ...
RIKA -CHAN ...

I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
YESTERDAY, YOU SAID TO SHION, KEIICHI,
"BELIEVE IN ME"
I BELIEVED IN THOSE WORDS.
?
I DON'T BELIEVE I'M HEARING FROM YOUR MOUTH YOU DON'T HAVE A MOVE TO MAKE, KEIICHI.
SO,

KEIICHI, YOU SAID THAT SUCH A THING AS FATE IS THINNER THAN A NET TO CATCH GOLDFISHES, SO WE CAN EASILY SMASH IT!
I BELIEVED IT,
AND I BELIEVE IT EVEN NOW!
SO ... SAVE HER ...
BECAUSE YOU ARE THE PERSON WHO CAN DEFEAT FATE.
SAVE SATOKO... .....FROM THIS FATE ...!
..... RIKA -CHAN ...

DAMN, DAMN, DAMN...!
DAMN!
EVERYONE BETTED ON ME OUT OF HOPE.
TO SAY TO BELIEVE IN ME MEANT TO SAY TO BET ON ME.
I SEE ...
THOSE WERE REALLY HEAVY WORDS ...
AND ONLY REALIZE IT AT THE COST OF HER TEARS ...
AND I WOUNDED RIKA-CHAN'S HEART,
I SAID: "BELIEVE IN ME"!
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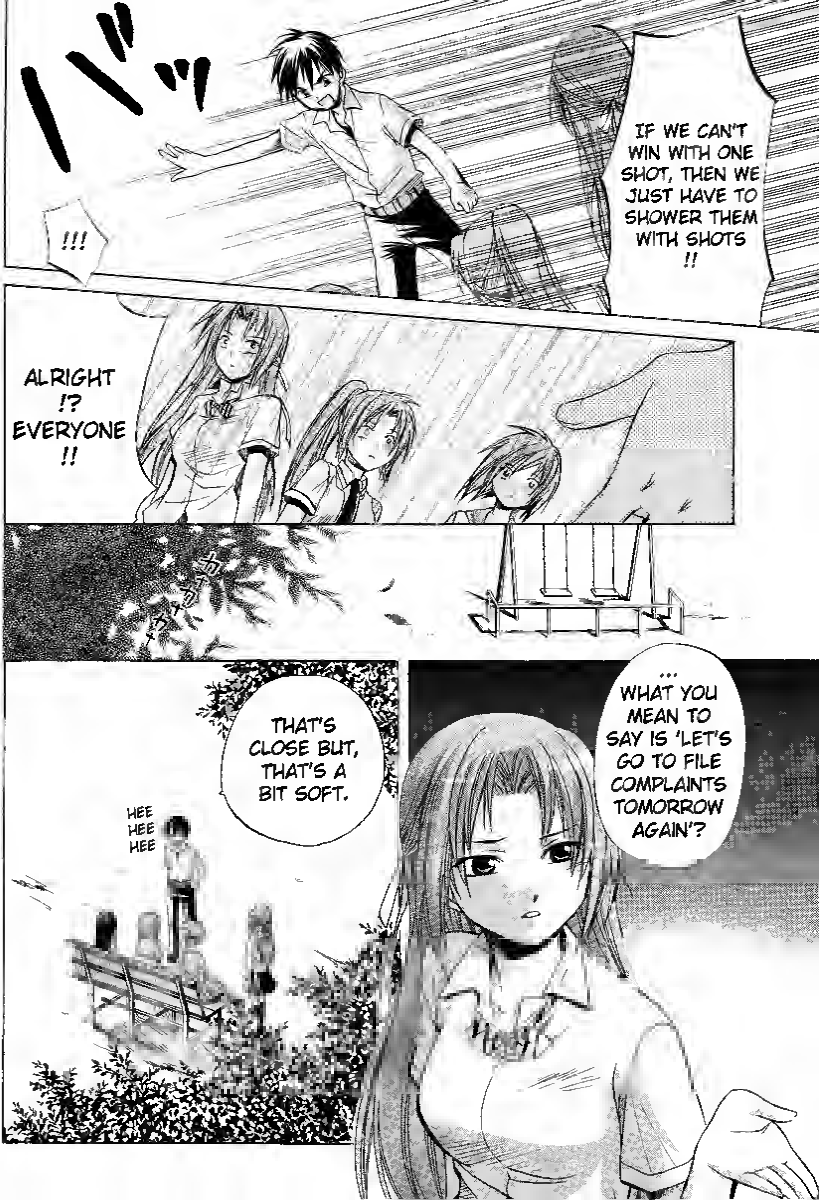
THANK YOU, RIKA-CHAN.
NOW YOU HIT THE FLINT, RIKA -CHAN.
AND THEN, THE FIRE, THAT IS ME, FLARED UP.
... HEY, EVERY-ONE ...

THIS IS A SITUATION TO BE IN A FIT OF RAGE!

!!
EVEN THOUGHT WE FILED A COMPLAINT ABOUT THE EMERGENCY SATOKO IS IN, THEY HANDLED US SULLENLY LIKE THAT, RIGHT!?
THIS IS NOT AN OCCASION TO STAY DISHEARTENED IN A PARK LIKE THIS!

KEI-CHAN .....
.....
... HEH, INTE-RES-TING
EVEN THOUGH I HAD LOST HEART MYSELF, NOW, SOMEHOW, MY CHEST IS BURNING HOT...!
AND RENA IS THE TYPE THAT, AT THE CRITICAL MOMENTS, BURNS WITH THE WILL TO FIGHT.
SHION IS JUST LIKE MION,
MION IS THE TYPE THAT, THE MORE THE WIND GETS FAVO-RABLE, THE STRONGER SHE GETS.

IF, RIGHT NOW,
THOSE THINGS ARE SMOLDERING IN THEM,
THEN, I, MAEBARA KEIICHI, WILL MAKE EVERYONE BURN AS NEVER BEFORE!!
NOW, WE HAVE TO CONTINUE FIGHTING !!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IF WE CAN'T WIN WITH ONE SHOT, THEN WE JUST HAVE TO SHOWER THEM WITH SHOTS !!
ALRIGHT !? EVERYONE !!
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...WHAT YOU MEAN TO SAY IS 'LET'S GO TO FILE COMPLAINTS TOMORROW AGAIN'?
THAT'S CLOSE BUT, THAT'S A BIT SOFT.
HEE HEE HEE

THEN, KEIICHI-KUN, WHAT SHOULD WE DO NEXT?
HEE HEE HEE
THAT COUNSELOR SAID IT LIKE THIS, "I'LL TELL CHILDREN WELFARE OFFICE THAT THERE WAS A COMPLAINT FROM 5 FRIENDS OF SATOKO-SAN FOR HER SAKE-..."
THEN, WHAT WOULD SHE DO IF NEXT TIME IT WAS NOT 5 PEOPLE?
IF IT WAS NOT 5 PEOPLE -----?
KU ...
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KEI-CHAN,
MION?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT ON EARTH YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT BUT, SOMEHOW, I FEEL IT LOOKS INTERESTING...
BESIDES,

THAT'S RIGHT.
AN ADVERSE WIND OF THIS LEVEL ----
WE'LL FIGHT .....
AND DEFINITELY WIN!!
WE HAVE TO BOUNCE IT BACK VERY QUICKLY!
THE FIRE IS SET ...
ALRIGHT!

WHAT IS THE NEXT PLAN IN KEIICHI'S MIND ----...!?
WE'LL KEEP ON FIGHTING UNTIL WE SAVE SATOKO!!!
WITH THIS, WE CAN'T BE STOPPED ANYMORE!
C'MON !!
MAY THE COUNTER-ATTACK BEGIN!
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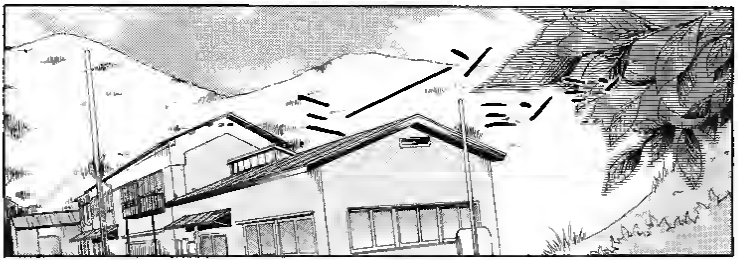
HOWEVER, IT WAS NOT UNDERSTOOD AT ALL
YESTERDAY, WE WENT TO APPEAL TO THE CHILDREN COUNSELING OFFICE
ABOUT THE SITUATION SATOKO IS IN



BUT, WE WILL KEEP ON FIGHTING
YEAH
KEI-CHAN, WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU.

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WHEN THEY CRY
UNTIL WE RESCUE SATOKO FROM HOUJOU TEPPEI!!!
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SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING WHILE YOU EAT, BUT
EVERYONE, PLEASE, LISTEN TO ME!!
WHAT?
EH?
WHAT HAPPENED, MAEBARA-SAN?
DOES EVERYONE KNOW WHAT KIND OF SITUATION HOUJOU SATOKO IS IN RIGHT NOW!?

SINCE SHE WAS TAKEN AWAY BY THAT BASTARD OF HER UNCLE,
SATOKO HAVE NOT COME TO SCHOOL FOR 3 DAYS!
I THOUGHT SO
BUT
I KNEW IT, EVERYONE IS WORRIED ABOUT SATOKO
ALL THE MORE WHEN THEY KNOW HOW SATOKO LOOKED LIKE A CORPSE LAST YEAR
.....
HOWEVER, NOBODY KNOWS WHAT TO DO
THEN, WE WILL TEACH THEM A WAY TO FIGHT!!

IT SEEMS THE BASTARD UNCLE CALLED TO SAY SHE CAUGHT A COLD BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
BECAUSE THERE ARE ABSOLUTELY NO RECORDS THAT SHE HAD MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS AT THE CLINIC!
THINK BETTER, EVERYONE!
DO YOU THINK IT IS NORMAL THAT SATOKO, WHO CAN HAVE ANYTHING BUT WEAK HEALTH, WOULD BE IN BED FOR 3 DAYS?
SEE FRIEND WORK HARD!!
THIS MAN SHALL BE SCHOOL
IF IT WAS INFLUENZA, SHE'D REST THAT MUCH, RIGHT?
BUT, IN THAT CASE, IT'D BE BETTER TO GO TO THE CLINIC, WOULDN'T IT?
THIS IS KIND OF STRANGE
YES
IT... IT DOESN'T SEEM SO
BESIDES, THERE'S NO WAY YOU'D BE ABSENT 3 DAYS BECAUSE OF A COLD

!!?
EVERYONE,
THE TRUTH IS THAT SATOKO-CHAN IS BEING ABUSED.
IT CAN'T BE ...
MAEBARA-SAN, DID YOU SEE HOUJOU-SAN!?
IS HOUJOU-SAN ALRIGHT!?
THIS IS INFORMATION FROM CHILDREN COUNSELING OFFICE...
THEY SAID THAT, BEFORE YESTERDAY. SATOKO DID NOT HAVE ANY EXTERNAL WOUNDS
NO, I DIDN'T.

HOWEVER, EVEN IF HER UNCLE IS NOT USING VIOLENCE AGAINST HER
DENYING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS ALSO CHILD ABUSE
AS IT SAYS IN THIS PAMPHLET FROM THE CHILDREN COUNSELING OFFICE!
FURTHERMORE, HER UNCLE WENT TO LIVE WITH HIS LOVER AND ABANDONED SATOKO FOR ONE WHOLE YEAR!
THIS IS ALSO QUITE AN ABUSE!
THE OTHER DAY, RIKA-CHAN SAW SATOKO DRYING CLOTHES
IN OTHER WORDS,
HE'S JUST IMPRISONING SATOKO AT HOME AND PUSHING HIS DOMESTIC CHORES TO HER

CAN YOU CALL A GUY LIKE THAT A PARENT!?
CAN YOU SAY THIS IS NOT CHILD ABUSE !!?

A... A GUY LIKE THAT IS NOT A PARENT!
THIS IS OBVIOUSLY CHILD ABUSE!!
AND IN SPITE OF THAT, THE CHILDREN COUNSELING OFFICE SOLEMNLY IGNORES THESE 3 FACTS!
SAYING THEY WANT TO MAKE A JUDGEMENT WITH PRUDENCE, THEY ARE JUST OBSERVING THE SITUATION AND TELLING US THEY ARE 'DEALING WITH IT AT THE MOMENT'!!

DO YOU THINK DEALING WITH IT LIKE THIS IS CORRECT !!?
WE DON'T
WE DON'T!!
THE ONLY ONE PUBLIC AGENCY THAT CAN PROTECT HER BEFORE THE VIOLENCE IS USED
IS THE CHILDREN COUNSELING OFFICE.
!
THE POLICE WON'T HELP US IF IT DOESN'T BECOME A CASE!
CAN YOU ABANDON SATOKO TO DIE UNTIL IT BECOMES A CASE!?

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PLEASE, DO NOT UNDERRATE US.
EVERYONE PLAYED TOGETHER AT THIS SCHOOL AND WE ALSO HAD QUARRELS WHILE PLAYING TOGETHER
THAT RELATIONSHIP HAS A BOND ALMOST AS STRONG AS THAT OF A FAMILY…
SHE IS OUR VERY PRECIOUS FRIEND!
WE CAN'T
ABANDON A FRIEND TO DIE!!!

NICE FACES YOU'RE MAKING!!
YOU SAID WELL, EVERYONE!!
LISTEN, OUR CLUB HAS ALREADY STARTED TO MOVE!
YESTERDAY, WE HAVE ALREADY MADE AN ASSAULT TOWARDS THE CHILDREN COUNSELING OFFICE!!
..EH?
THEN, THEY REGISTERED THAT 'THERE WAS AN APPEAL FROM 5 CLASSMATES REGARDING THE CASE OF HOUJOU SATOKO'
DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS?
5 PEOPLE... ARE NOT ENOUGH...

SHOW THEM THE HINAMIZAWA BRANCH SCHOOL SPIRITS!!!
AND I'LL STAND AT THE ARROW'S HEAD!
YOU JUST NEED TO COVER MY BACK!
THE WAY TO FIGHT IS SIMPLE.
YOU GUYS! SEND US YOUR HELP TO SAVE A FRIEND!

YEAAH
MA-MAEBARA-KUN, WHAT DOES IT MEAN!?

THEY ARE ALL JUST A BUNCH OF SMALL CHILDREN
STOP IT RIGHT NOW ----.
FURUDE-SAN ----?

RIKA-CHAN
.....
EVERYONE IS TRYING TO FIGHT TO HELP SATOKO!
...
CHIE
I'M POWERLESS
SO, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING IF I DON'T BORROW EVERYONE'S STRENGTH
BUT .

I CAN AT LEAST HOLD YOU BACK IF YOU TRY TO HINDER US, CHIE .....!!!
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WHAT DO YOU NEED TO STOP?
BUT ...

THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY. THEY ARE STRONGER THAN WE THINK.
MAEBARA-KUN, DO WHAT YOU CAN!
IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, I, KAIEDA, WILL TAKE ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY!
MR PRINCIPAL!

MR PRINCIPAL ...
...THEN, I'LL GO TOGETHER WITH YOU, TOO.
YEAH!!!
EVERYONE, WE'LL FIGHT FOLLOWING THE RULES OF SOCIETY!
YOU AGREE, RIGHT?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, YOU TWO...!
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT
NOW WE ARE ON FIRE!!

LET'S BEGIN THE SECOND ATTACK WAVE ...!!
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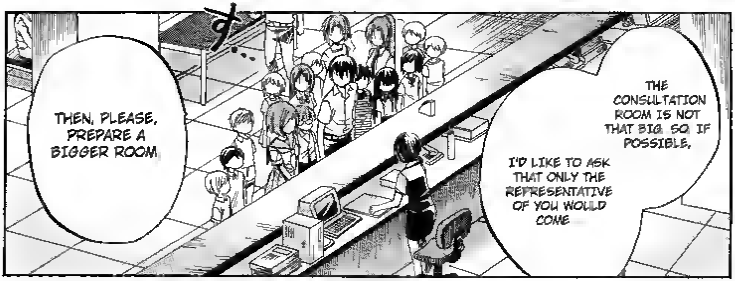
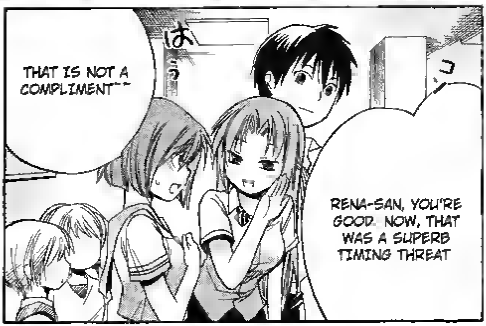
EXCUSE ME HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE COMING?
WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP DOES EVERYONE HAS WITH.

WE'RE ALL SATOKO'S CLASSMATES.
PLUS HER TEACHER SUPERVISING US, 17 PEOPLE.


THEN, PLEASE, PREPARE A BIGGER ROOM.
THE CONSULTATION ROOM IS NOT THAT BIG. SO IF POSSIBLE, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT ONLY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF YOU WOULD COME.

I THINK IT'S NOT US THAT HAVE TO ADJUST TO THE ROOM,
BUT THE ROOM THAT HAS TO ADJUST TO US.


THAT IS NOT A COMPLIMENT~~
RENA-SAN, YOU'RE GOOD. NOW, THAT WAS A SUPERB TIMING THREAT

WELL. EXCUSE ME, PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT

CONFERENCE ROOM

MAYBE BECAUSE RENA'S THREAT MADE EFFECT, THE TREATMENT NOW WAS DIFFERENT FROM YESTERDAY,
AND WE WERE TAKEN TO A BIG CONFERENCE ROOM AND WE HAD CHIEF SECRETARY DEAL WITH US
I'M THE REPRE-SENTATIVE, MAEBARA KEIICHI
WELCOME, WELCOME ...
I'M THE WELFARE POLICY CHIEF SECRETARY, HARAYAMA
YESTERDAY, WE RECEIVED VALUABLE OPINIONS REGARDING HOUJOU SATOKO-SAN'S CASE BUT,
COULD IT BE THAT YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO TELL TODAY?

FIRST, PLEASE, ALLOW ME TO CONFIRM HOW MUCH DO YOU UNDERSTAND ABOUT WHAT WE TOLD YOU YESTERDAY.
THEN, I'LL MAKE THINGS CLEAR FOR THEM FIRST!
AS I THOUGHT
THEY DON'T THINK THEY ARE AT FAULT AT ALL
AT THAT OCCASION, YOU EXPLAINED TO US THAT YOU ARE 'DEALING WITH IT AT THE MOMENT'. BUT,
DID YOU KNOW THAT UNCLE HOUJOU HAD ALREADY ABUSED HER LAST YEAR?
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WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE WAS AN APPEAL THAT HOUJOU SATOKO-SAN IS IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION WHERE SHE MUST RECEIVE TEMPORARY PROTECTION,
AND THAT WE SHOULD DEAL WITH IT URGENTLY

FIRST TIME I HEAR ABOUT IT
WE DID NOT CONFIRM THE INFORMATION THAT HER UNCLE WAS ABUSING HER.
FIRST TIME!?
HOW COME!?
WHA...
WHAT WE CONFIRMED WAS THE ABUSE FROM THE AUNT. THERE'S NO CONFIRMATION THAT THE UNCLE WAS INVOLVED.
WHAT WERE YOU DOING LAST YEAR!?
THE UNCLE AND THE AUNT WERE BULLYING HER TOGETHER, YOU KNOW!?
DON'T GET ANGRY, BE COOL, MAEBARA KEIICHI! NOW I SEE HOW NAIVE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THINGS IS!

THE ONLY OPTION LEFT... IS TO ATTACK!!
TO PUT IT SHORT, THE REASON WE CAME HERE WAS BECAUSE WE WANTED YOU TO HAVE A CORRECT UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION!
I SEE.
I'LL HAVE ANOTHER INVESTIGATION DONE REGARDING MR. TEPPEI
SATOKO'S UNCLE WENT TO LIVE WITH HIS LOVER OF OKINOMIYA AND ABANDONED HER FOR ONE YEAR.
WHAT DOES THE CONSULTATION OFFICE THINK ABOUT THAT?
.....!
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I HEAR IT, TOO

WE WERE EXPLAINED THAT MR. TEPPEI WENT TO WORK AWAY FROM HOME FOR ...
... SATOKO-SAN'S REARING'S SAKE, THOUGH...
!!!
DID, DID YOU REALLY SWALLOW THAT LAME LIE!?
HOW MUCH IS THEIR UNDERSTANDING OUT OF TUNE WITH US!?
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS!?
IF IT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU HEAR IT, I'LL SAY MORE, EVEN THOUGH SATOKO IS SICK, HAVING TO STAY IN BED FOR 3 DAYS, THERE ARE NO RECORDS THAT SHE VISITED THE CLINIC!

... I SEE
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SHE ANSWERED US THAT SHE WAS NOT BEING ABUSED AND THAT SHE'D LIKE TO LIVE TOGETHER WITH HIM FROM THERE ON
BUT, WHEN WE WENT TO CHECK IT WITH SATOKO-SAN
SO...
JUST BECAUSE THE PERSON HERSELF SAYS THERE'S NO ABUSE
IT DOESN'T MEAN THERE'S NO ABUSE!!
THAT IS THE DIFFICULT PART... WHETHER THERE IS ABUSE TO THE PERSON IN QUESTION IS AN ESSENTIAL POINT

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU MEAN THAT, AS LONG AS SATOKO-CHAN DOES NOT SEEK FOR HELP,
YOU WON'T HELP?
NO, THAT'S NOT IT, BUT
SHE HERSELF DENIES THE ABUSE. BESIDES, AT THE PRESENT CONDITIONS, WITH THE MINIMUM OF FOOD, CLOTHING AND SHELTER ARE GUARANTEED,
WE CAN'T SAY MR. TEPPEI IS NOT HER PARENTAL AUTHORITY FIGURE...
WE THINK THE PRESENT SITUATION IS NOT PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS
...I'M VERY SORRY

TO SAY THERE'S ABUSE
AREN'T YOU EXAGGERATING A BIT?
WHAT
THAT'S RIGHT! THAT'S RIGHT!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

DID YOU SAY !!?
SINCE SATOKO CAN'T SEEK FOR HELP, WE ARE SEEKING IT FOR HER
YOU GUYS, HEAR IT?
SATOKO IS BEING CONFINED BY HER UNCLE AND CAN'T EVEN USE THE PHONE OR GO OUT!!!
AND YOU SAY IT IS AN EXAGGE-RATION!?

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PLEASE CALM DOWN
WE JUST WANT TO DEAL WITH THE MATTER WITH MORE PRUDENCE.
BESIDES, THE BEST IS THAT THE CHILDREN ARE RAISED BY HER PARENTS, RECEIVING LOVE FROM THE FAMILY.
MR. TEPPEI ALSO SAID THAT, AS HER ONLY BLOOD RELATIVE, HE'LL SHOWER HER WITH AFFECTION
PLEASE, WATCH OVER CORDIALLY THE TWO OF THEM START OVER THEIR NEW LIFE ONCE MORE--
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IN SHORT, YOU WON'T GIVE EARS TO OUR STORY ...
IS THAT IT?
NO, I DIDN'T MEAN THAT
I'M SAYING IT'S NECESSARY TO PROPERLY INVESTIGATE ONCE MORE TO SEE WHETHER HOUJOU SATOKO-SAN'S PROTECTION IS URGENT OR NOT.

WHAT'S WITH THIS INVESTIGATION!
IT'S AS THOUGH HE'S SAYING HE CAN'T HELP SATOKO SO SOON, ISN'T HE!
THERE'S A TIME-LIMIT TO SAVE SATOKO
IF WE DON'T HURRY, SHE'LL BE BROKEN .....!!
DAMN!
WHY...

UNDERSTANDINGS SO DIFFERENT!!!
WHY ARE OUR .....

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IN THE END
THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND US TODAY AS WELL
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EVEN THOUGH WE HAD THE WHOLE CLASS TO COME THERE, IT DIDN'T WORK...
CERTAINLY, OUR CLAIM DID NOT REACH THE CHILDREN COUNSELING OFFICE BUT, YOU KNOW WHAT...
NO, THAT'S NO TRUE
EH?
I DID NOT IMAGINE THE COUNSELING OFFICE WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND A THING!
WE HAVE TO WORK HARDER TO HELP HOUJOU-SAN!
THE UNCLE IS A REALLY DANGEROUS GUY AND YET...

AH ...
IT'S EVERYONE 'S FIRST TIME.
EXPERIENCING FIGHTING FOR THE SAKE OF A FRIEND, EVERYONE JOINING FORCES TOGETHER
...
I SEE
WHAT WE DID TODAY WAS NOT USELESS ...
SOMEHOW, IT LOOKS LIKE THE TIMES OF THE DAM WAR

AGAINST ONE, TWO WILL THROW A STONE
AGAINST TWO, FOUR WILL.
AGAINST FOUR, EIGHT WILL
AGAINST ONE THOUSAND, THE WHOLE VILLAGE STANDS UP TO FACE THEM
WHAT IS IT? A PROVERB?
AAH, A VERY LONG TIME AGO, ONIBABA USED TO SAY THAT.
SO THAT THE WHOLE VILLAGE WOULD UNITE AND FIGHT TOGETHER
THAT IS NOT JUST A MERE OPINION
CHIE-SENSEI

TO EVERYONE SHARE THE PAIN OF ONE AND FIGHT THINKING OF THAT PAIN AS THEIR OWN
THE ESSENTIAL MEANING OF THAT IS
WHAT MEANS THAT OUR WAY TO FIGHT WAS INDEED TYPICAL FROM HINAMIZAWA
RIGHT NOW, THEY ARE HEAVY WORDS FOR US AS WELL
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WILL WE ALL INTRUDE THE COUNSELING OFFICE TOMORROW AS WELL?

BUT, EVEN IF WE GO WITH THE SAME MEMBERS AS TODAY, WE PROBABLY WON'T HAVE RESULTS LIKE THE ROOM CHANGING TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM
THEY SAY 'PERSEVERING MAKES US STRONGER'
YEAH, OF COURSE!
THAT'S RIGHT. IF EVERYONE CALLS A FRIEND, WE SHOULD BECOME AROUND 40 PEOPLE.
THEN, WE JUST NEED TO GO THERE WITH MUCH MORE PEOPLE THAN TODAY, TODAY!
....
.....
HEY, THEN, FIGHTING POWER ASIDE FROM THE CHILDREN IS HOPELESS?

... YES. THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS HAS LOTS PEOPLE WHO DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE HOUJOU FAMILY ...
... EVEN THE OLD PEOPLE ARE COLD TOWARDS SATOKO
... FETTERS THAT COME EVER SINCE THE DAM WAR... THE PEOPLE OF HINAMIZAWA ARE NOT CLOSE TO THE HOUJOU FAMILY
WHAT A STUPID STORY. AND SATOKO DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO THEM
BUT, IT WILL BE AMAZING IF WE GATHER 40 PEOPLE
WHAT'S UP, RIKA-CHAN
DO YOU THINK JUST THAT WILL BE ENOUGH?
... EH?

ANGEL MORT
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BY THE WAY, WHERE'S SHII-CHAN?
AAH, SHE'S ASKING THE GIRLS OF THE STORE TOO
I SEE, AFTER ALL, SHE WORKS HERE
WHY DID WE COME HERE TO MEET THE KOUSHIEN PITCHER, KAMEDA-KUN? KUKU
WHO KNOWS ?

... ROGER, K ...
LEAVE IT TO THE BASEBALL CLUB
BESIDES ...

KAMEDA-KUN, THAT'S IT FOR EXPLANATIONS
TOMORROW, COULD YOU BRING AS MUCH OF YOUR FRIENDS AS YOU CAN, EVEN IF JUST ONE, TO THE CHILDREN COUNSELING OFFICE WITH YOU?

YEAH!!
YOU RASCALS!
YOU HEARD THE STORY, RIGHT?
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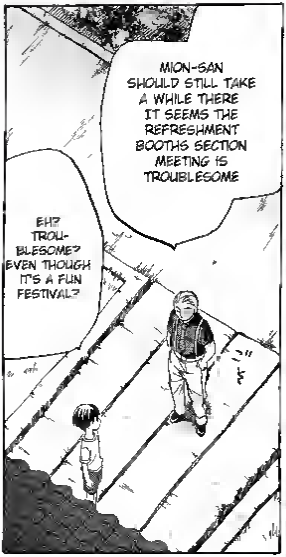
WHA
FELLOW K! AWAITING ORDERS TO ATTACK, ANYTIME...!
CONFINING A REAL GIRL IS UNFORGIVABLE!
OF COURSE!
ARE YOU GUYS READY?
...
I GOT IT
FIRE UP YOUR HEARTS AND COME WITH MEEEEE!
I'LL RECEIVE YOUR LIVES IN MY HANDS!

YEEAAAH
K!
K!
K!
K!
AMAZING... THERE ARE SO MANY CUSTOMERS OF THE ANGEL MORT.....
I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT KEIICHI-KUN WAS SO POPULAR WITH THEM
THIS WILL MAKE AROUND 60 PEOPLE THE COUNSELING OFFICE WILL BE SURPRISED
K!
...
IS THIS
...
THE POWER TO DEFEAT FATE
...

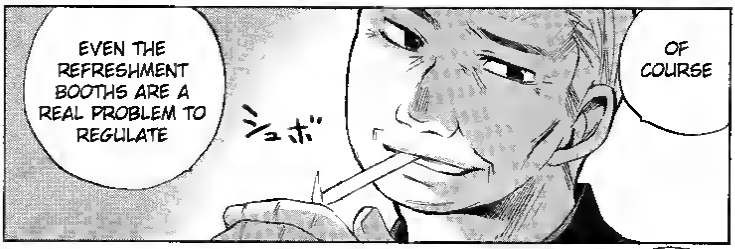
THAT NIGHT, THERE WAS A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WATANAGASHI FESTIVAL
AND THERE I RECEIVED EXPLANATIONS ABOUT THE BARGAIN AUCTION
SINCE I AM A MINOR, I WAS INTRODUCED WITH MY FATHER'S PARTICIPATION
MAEBA-RA-SAN
AH, MANAGER
I HEARD ABOUT TOMORROW'S EVENING
EH?

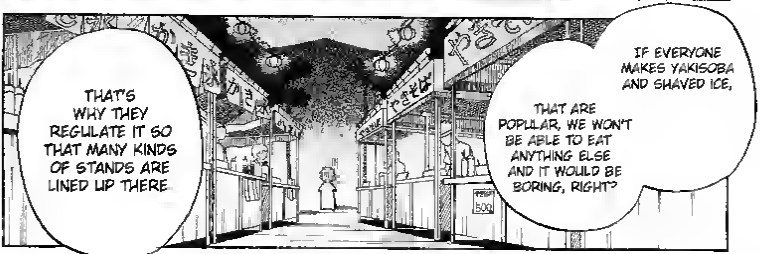
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
!
IT SEEMS THAT TAKANO-SAN AND TOMITAKE-SAN TOO WILL GO TO SUPPORT
I'LL GO TOGETHER WITH THE STAFF THAT WILL BE FREE, TOO.
EH,
RIKA-CHAN, TAKANO-SAN SUGGESTED THIS
TAKANO DID ...
OF COURSE I WILL DO THIS MUCH AT LEAST
AFTER ALL, THE OTHER DAY, I COULD NOT COLLABORATE

THEN, THIS IS ALL, LET'S FINISH HERE.
...WELL, DAD WAS LURED BY THE SAKE AND IS GONE
I GUESS MION IS NOT FINISHED THERE YET
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
LOCALLY SAKE IS DELICIOUS, YOU'LL SEE
WELL, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT
YOUR HARD WORK IS MUCH APPRECIATED
AND HERE I WAS THINKING IN MAKING PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS FOR TOMORROW


MION-SAN SHOULD STILL TAKE A WHILE THERE IT SEEMS THE REFRESHMENT BOOTHS SECTION MEETING IS TROUBLESOME
EH? TROU-BLESOME? EVEN THOUGH IT'S A FUN FESTIVAL?

OOISHI-SAN ...

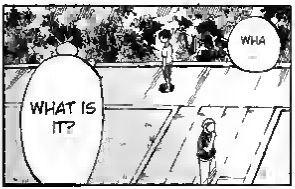

EVEN THE REFRESHMENT BOOTHS ARE A REAL PROBLEM TO REGULATE
OF COURSE


THAT'S WHY THEY REGULATE IT SO THAT MANY KINDS OF STANDS ARE LINED UP THERE
IF EVERYONE MAKES YAKISOBA AND SHAVED ICE, THAT ARE POPULAR, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO EAT ANYTHING ELSE AND IT WOULD BE BORING, RIGHT?

UNDERWATER NEGOTIATIONS ARE VERY IMPORTANT AS THE LUBRICATING OIL OF THE WORLD
EVERYTHING HAS TO BE REGULATED
THE BACKSTAGE IS QUITE PROBLEMATIC, HUH
I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT..
HMM
EVEN THE PETITION TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE YOU ARE MAKING, MAEBARA-SAN, IN A SENSE, IS AN UNDERWATER NEGOTIATION, YOU KNOW?
BUT, IT'S BECAUSE WE HAVE NO OPTION OTHER THAN RAISING OUR VOICES AND FIGHT
AFTER ALL, IT'S NOT THAT THE INTERESTED PARTY, TEPPEI-SAN AND SATOKO-SAN, KNOW ABOUT IT

GRINNING
NO, NO, THIS IS SPLENDID
HAHA HA ...
IF I WERE AROUND THE SAME AGE AS MAEBARA-SAN, I'D CERTAINLY AMBUSH TEPPEI-SAN
OOISHI-SAN ... IT DOES NOT LOOK LIKE MION WILL FINISH IT ANYTIME SOON, SO IF YOU EXCUSE ME, IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR ME TO GO
SEE YOU

WELL, EXCUSE-ME, MAEBARA-SAN
THERE'S A STORY I JUST HAPPENED TO HEAR


WHA...
WHAT IS IT?

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BUT, THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE DANGER OF THE SITUATION AT ALL

SINCE YOU TRANSMITTED YOUR VIEWS TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE, I THINK IT'S ALREADY ENOUGH

IF WE INSIST WITH IT FOR 3 CONSECUTIVE DAYS, IT SHOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE
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THAT'S WHAT I CALL CONFIDENCE
WE'LL CONTINUE MAKING NOISE UNTIL WE SAVE SATOKO
IF THE ONLY WAY THROUGH WHICH WE CAN TRANSMIT IT TO THEM IS BY MAKING NOISE

OUR APPEAL DID NOT REACH THE CHILDREN COUNSELING OFFICE AT ALL, THERE'S NO WAY IT'S ENOUGH

BUT, BY THE WAY HE SPOKE JUST NOW, IT'S LIKE HE'S TELLING ME TO NOT GO THERE FROM TOMORROW-----

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MAEBAR
-SAN...
COULD
IT BE
THAT
...

THERE'S A PROVERB THAT SAYS: POKE AT A BUSH AND A SNAKE WILL COME OUT
DO YOU KNOW IT?
DOES HE MEAN: 'STOP IT ALREADY'
A WARNING -------!?
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